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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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C07C45/65, C07C47/21

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- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I	Basis of this opinion
1.	<p>With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).</p>
2.	<p>With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:</p> <p>a. type of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> table(s) related to the sequence listing</p> <p>b. format of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in written format</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in computer readable form</p> <p>c. time of filing/furnishing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> contained in the international application as filed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> filed together with the international application in computer readable form.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.</p>
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4.	<p>Additional comments:</p>

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>1). The application relates to a process for preparing 2,7-dimethylocta-2,4,6-trienedial (I) in four steps:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a) double enol ether condensation of a butenedial bisacetal with an enol ether,</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b) hydrolysis of the acetal groups of the 2,7-dimethyl-1,1,3,6,8,8-hexaalkoxyocta-4-ene (IV) formed in (a) to the corresponding 2,7-dimethyl-3,6-dialkoxyoctenedial (V),</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">c) eliminating the alkoxy groups in (V) with aqueous base to give 2,7-dimethylocta-2,4,6-trienedial (I), and</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">d) crystallization.</p> <p>2). The present process differs from D1 in that step a) is carried out in the presence of a water-immiscible organic solvent, and in that the conversion of (V) to (I) is effected under basic conditions and separately from (acidic) hydrolysis of (IV) to (V). The subject matter of the present claims is therefore novel.</p> <p>3). It is an object of the present application to improve the yield of processes of the D1 type. This object is achieved by the presence of water-immiscible solvent in step (i) and the two-stage acid-base conversion of (IV)</p>			

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to (I). The subject matter of the claims therefore
involves an inventive step.

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

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